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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 07781.0035

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Heinz PAULY et al.)
Application No.: 09/937,707) Group Art Unit: 2172
Filed: October 1, 2001) Examiner: Jean M. Corrielus
For: METHOD FOR DATA MAINTENANCE IN A NETWORK OF PARTIALLY REPLICATED DATABASE SYSTEMS)))))

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Under 37 C.F.R. § 111, Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003. Please consider Applicants' arguments and allow all pending claims in the above identified application.

Formal Drawings were requested and are submitted to this response.

Remarks begin on page 2.